Morton Grove Public Library

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From the Librarian's desk . . .

We often look upon the New Year as a time of renewal, a time to form new goals. We also use this opportunity to look back on the past, to chart our growth and to evaluate our accomplishments.

This New Year is a special one for the Morton Grove Public Library, for it was exactly fifty years ago this month, that the first meeting of the Morton Grove Library Board took place. This group of concerned citizens was interested in forming a"lending library" for the village residents. Initially funded by the WPA, this library of 300 books was located in a storefront on Lincoln Avenue.

The small library slowly grew, and in 1943, a referendum was passed which converted the WPA library into a tax-supported public library. The library moved into temporary quarters on Lincoln Ave. before finally building a permanent home at Lincoln and Georgiana in 1952.

Many aspects of the library have changed over the last fifty years. Our programs and services have expanded, and while many library processes have been computerized, our committment to serving Morton Grove residents continues.

As we begin our second fifty years, we look back on our growth and accomplishments and we look forward to renewing and developing our commitment of service to the community. And, we look forward to celebrating with you our 50th Anniversary during National Library Week in April.

Paul Feil, Executive Librarian

Theatre series planned

The Morton Grove Public Library will present an exciting series of lectures in February titled **Inside Theatre**. Directors, playwrights, actors and composers from the Chicago theatrical scene will be featured at our library and six other suburban libraries. Brochures giving dates, times, locations and speakers will be available at the Circulation Desk.

Appearing at our library on Wednesday, Feb. 3, will be **Pat Rahmann**, playwright and author, whose plays have been produced in Chicago and New York and on WMAQ-TV. She is also a prize-winning poet and short story writer and she will speak on the art of writing scripts. Ms. Rahmann is a Glencoe resident and is currently working on a libretto for a musical comedy.

On Monday, Feb. 8, actresses **Megan McDonough** and **Anne Gunn** will appear, fresh from their triumph in ***Beehive*** at the Briar St. Theatre in Chicago. Both actresses have performed in Chicago musical theatre and on television, and Ms. McDonough has recorded several record albums. They will talk about the art of breaking into theatre and maintaining their precarious profession.

Doug Post, playwright and composer, will appear on Wednesday, Feb. 24. During the past seven years he has had over a dozen plays and musicals produced on Chicago stages and has written songs and incidental music for over twenty-five productions. He will discuss composing and writing for the theatre and will play some of his compositions as well.

All programs will begin at 7:30 and will include audience discussion and refreshments. Students of the theatre are especially urged to come and hear these talented professionals talk about "inside theatre."

Lyric Opera lecture

A lecture on Verdi's ***La Forza del Destino*** will be presented by the Skokie Valley Chapter of the Lyric Opera on Sunday, Jan. 10, at 2:00. The speaker will be Dr. Thomas Brown, professor of music at DePaul University. Dr. Brown, a skilled pianist, will illustrate his commentaries at the piano.

Refreshments will be served after the lecture. Everyone is invited to attend this cultural presentation.

Prairie restoration

A slide show of prairie flowers and a discussion of restoration activities in the Morton Grove Forest Preserves along the North Branch of the Chicago River, will be presented on Thursday, Feb. 11, at 7:30.

The program will be given by the North Branch Prairie Project and will precede a Prairie Burning Seminar, to be presented at the the Library in March. A concerted effort is being made to preserve our prairie heritage in Morton Grove, and these programs are in the interest of greater communication within our village.

Car prices, taxes, etc.

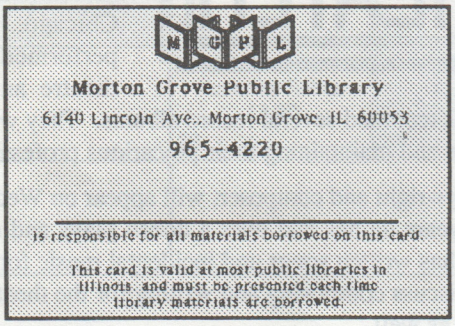
New Year's greetings from the Reference Department! Ring in the new year with 1988 editions of these handy reference sources:

World Almanac
Chase's Calendar of Annual Events
Old Farmer's Almanac
Consumer Reports 1988 Buying Guide
Consumer Guide 1988 Best Buys
Edmund's 1988 New Car Prices

In addition, 1987 tax forms will be available beginning January 4. The Library has multiple copies of over 30 different forms, and master copies of more than 100 additional forms that can be photocopied (at 10¢ per page). To help you prepare your taxes, we have ***J.K. Lasser's Your Income Tax for 1988***, and other tax-help guides.

From the Library Board

According to the American Library Association's library card campaign, **"The best gift you'll ever give your child is a library card."** The board and staff of the Morton Grove Public Library heartily support this idea, and believe that every child (not to mention adults!), should have – and use – a library card. This campaign is in response to a challenge by Secretary of Education, William J. Bennett, and is very appropriate considering the rapid growth of information in today's society.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is responsible for all materials borrowed on this card.
This card is valid at most public libraries in Illinois, and must be presented each time library materials are borrowed.

Any resident of Morton Grove with valid identification is eligible for a Library Card. To apply for a card, children in sixth grade and younger must be accompanied by a parent or guardian who has valid identification with their Morton Grove address. Children above sixth grade do not need a parent's signature, but they must have identification of their own or bring in some form of identification of their parents. Valid identification must include name and current address, such as: driver's license or state ID card, current mail, utility bill, or voter's registration card.

Dick Gieras
President, Board of Library Trustees

In the Baxter Room . . .

Financial Seminar

A financial seminar will be presented by Tom Howard of the firm of Griffin, Kubik, Stephens & Thompson on Thursday, Feb. 4, at 7:30. The firm is a Municipal Bond House that specializes in fixed income investments: bonds, bond funds and pension fund investments. Mr. Howard will discuss the advantages of bond investments and how to cope with the complex municipal securities market.

Book Review

A book review will be presented by Barbara Todd of the Library staff on Sunday, Feb. 21 and on Thursday, Feb. 25. The reviews will be at 2:30 and the book title will be announced in February.

Travelogues

A special travelogue about the city of Liege in **Belgium** will be presented on Tuesday, Jan. 12, at 11:30 and 7:30. The speaker will be Monique-Simone DeBelva, who will show slides on Liege and its treasures, dating back to the year 1100. Ms. DeBelva, an accomplished pianist, will also discuss the music of the Walloon People of Belgium.

Germany will be the subject of the travelogue on Tuesday, Feb. 9, at 11:30 and 7:30. Free coffee will be served at the 11:30 showing of both travelogues.

MOVIES

Roxanne, starring Steve Martin, will be shown on Monday, Jan. 11, at 2:30 and 7:30. This comic film is based on the classic Cyrano de Bergerac and also stars Daryl Hannah.

The smash hit ***La Bamba***, which chronicles the life of rock 'n roll star Richie Valens, will be shown on Monday, Feb. 15, at 2:30 and 7:30.

The following groups meet monthly or semi-monthly at the library:

Make Today Count – 1st Monday, 7:30
Quilters – 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 7:00
Agoraphobia Group – 3rd Tuesday, 7:00
Toastmasters – 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 7:30
Morton Grove Coin Club – 3rd Monday, 7:00
Lupus Support Group – 3rd Sunday, 1:30
Morton Grove Historical Society – 3rd Tuesday, 7:30

Everyone is welcome to attend these meetings.

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Services for the blind and physically handicapped

The Morton Grove Public Library provides books and magazines on audiocassettes and records for any visually impaired resident of Morton Grove. For people with difficulty reading small print, the Library carries an extensive collection of large-type books and issues of the *Reader's Digest* in large type. The Children's Department has also begun purchasing large-type books. For residents unable to come to the Library because of a physical handicap, home delivery of Library materials is available.

If you or someone you know could take advantage of these free services, please contact Barbara Todd or Flora Scheel at the Library, 965-4220.

Children's Department

Dinosaur Derby

Dinosaur Derby, a school-year-long reading program for first through sixth graders, is now in full swing. Each reader is on a team representing a dinosaur. Scoring for books read will begin on Jan. 4. The winning team and individual high readers will be given a party after the contest ends in May, 1988.

Dollhouse alert!

The Children's Department dollhouse has been loved to pieces. Do you have a dollhouse you would like to donate to the Children's Room? The dollhouse should be three to four feet high and in good condition. We could also use a dollhouse family with non-removable clothing.

Winter Classes will begin January 4. The winter class schedule was published in the Nov./Dec. issue of ***Info***.

What's New in the Adult Department . . .

Non-Fiction

Birmingham, Stephen - *America's Secret Aristocracy*

Davidson, Christine - *Staying Home Instead*

Didion, Joan – *Miami*

Falwell, Jerry – *Strength for the Journey*

Godden, Rumer – *A Time to Dance, No Time to Weep*

Karin, Sidney - *The Supercomputer Era*

Lacey, Robert - *Queen Mother*

Laszlo, John - *Understanding Cancer*

Prudhomme, Paul – *The Prudhomme Family cookbook*

Randi, James – *The Faith Healers*

Roberts, Gordon – *High Country: Four Seasons in New Zealand*

Sheon, Robert – *Coping With Arthritis*

Stewart, Martha – *Weddings*

Trump, Donald – *Trump: The Art of the Deal*

Westheimer, Ruth – *All in a Lifetime*

Wolcott, Gary – *The Long Way Back*

Fiction

Beam, Alex – *Fellow Travelers*

Bell, Madison – *The Year of Silence*

Buckley, William F., Jr. - *Mongoose R.I.P.*

Bullard, Pamela - *More Than Dreams*

Capote, Truman - *Answered Prayers*

Clarke, Arthur C. – *2061 - Odyssey Three*

Deighton, Len - *Winter*

Gardner, John – *The Secret Houses*

Granger, Bill – *The Infant of Prague*

Greenberg, Joanne - *Age of Consent*

Hall, James– *Under Cover of Daylight*

Hardwick, Michael – *The Revenge of the Hound*

Jhabvala, Ruth - *Three Continents*

Jolley, Elizabeth - *The Newspaper of Claremont St.*

King, Stephen – *The Tommyknockers*

Lee, C.Y. - *China Saga*

Longstreet, Stephen – *Sons and Daughters*

Maxwell, Kurt – *Equinox*

Nathanson, E.M. – *A Dirty Distant War*

Rivers, Caryl - *Intimate Enemies*

Smith, Kay – *Country of the Heart*

Sulitzer, Paul-Loup - *Fortune*

Wharton, William – *Tidings*

Videos

Candy Claus

Cavaliers & Craftsmen (colonial Williamsburg & Jamestown)

Gardens of Stone

Madame Bovary

Project X

Roxanne

Star Trek IV

Tax Attack '87

Washington Monuments

Recordings

Compact Discs

Beatles - *White Album, Yellow Submarine, Abbey Road*

Kitaro - *Tenku*

Miami Sound Machine - *Let it Loose*

South Pacific (soundtrack)

Travis, Randy - *Always & Forever*

Records

Dirty Dancing (soundtrack)

Earth, Wind & Fire - *Touch the Wind*

Grateful Dead - *In the Dark*

James, Bob - *Obsession*

Cassettes

Alpert, Herb - *Keep Your Eye on Me*

McEntire, Reba - *Greatest Hits*

Seals, Dan - *On the Front Line*

Springsteen, Bruce - *Tunnel of Love*

Sting - *Nothing Like the Sun*

Calendar of Events

January

				New Year's Eve Library Open 9-5 31	New Year's Day Library Closed 1	Library Open 9 - 5 2
3	4	Lunchtime Movies America Series 11:30 5	6	7	Book Discussion 10:00 8	9
Opera Lecture: *La Forza del* 10 *Destino* 2:00	Feature Film *Roxanne* 11 2:30 & 7:30	Travelog **Belgium** 12 11:30 & 7:30	13	Library Board Meeting 14 7:45	15	16
17	18	Lunchtime Movies 11:30 19	20	21	22	23
24	25	Lunchtime Movies America Series 26 11:30	27	28	29	30
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Ongoing Book Sale - New items added weekly!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	Lunchtime Movies America Series 11:30 2	**Inside Theatre** 7:30 3	**Financial Seminar** 7:30 4	5	6
7	**Inside Theatre** 7:30 8	Travelog: **Germany** 11:30 & 7:30 9	10	**Prairie Restoration** 7:30 Library Board Mtg. 11 7:45	Book Discussion 10:00 12	13
Valentine's Day 14	Feature Film *La Bamba* 15 2:30 & 7:30	Lunchtime Movies 11:30 16	17	18	19	20
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Saturday 9:00 - 5:00
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